# DO YOU SUFFER FROM CHRONIC KNEE PAIN?

- Experiencing chronic pain following a surgical procedure
- Pain has lasted longer than six months
- Not satisfied with other treatment options
- The pain impacts your everyday life

IF YOU ANSWER YES TO ANY OF THESE QUESTIONS, you may be a candidate for: DORSAL ROOT GANGLION (DRG) THERAPY

#### **CONTACT US FOR A CONSULTATION**

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 Deer TR, Levy RM, Kramer J, et al. Dorsal root ganglion stimulation yielded higher treatment success rate for complex regional pain syndrome and causalgia at 3 and 12 months: a randomized comparative trial. *Pain*. 2017;158(4):669-681.

**Indications for Use: US:** Spinal column stimulation via epidural and intra-spinal lead access to the dorsal root ganglion as an aid in the management of moderate to severe chronic intractable\* pain of the lower limbs in adult patients with Complex Regional Pain Syndrome (CRPS) types I and II.\*\*

\*Study subjects from the ACCURATE clinical study had failed to achieve adequate pain relief from at least 2 prior pharmacologic treatments from at least 2 different drug classes and continued their pharmacologic therapy during the clinical study.

\*\*Please note that in 1994, a consensus group of pain medicine experts gathered by the International Association for the Study of Pain (IASP) reviewed diagnostic criteria and agreed to rename reflex sympathetic dystrophy (RSD) and causalgia, as complex regional pain syndrome (CRPS) types I and II, respectively.

International: Management of chronic intractable pain. Contraindications: US: Patients who are unable to operate the system, who are poor surgical risks, or who have failed to receive effective pain relief during trial stimulation. International: Patients who are unable to operate the system, are poor surgical risks, are pregnant, or under the age of 18. Warnings/Precautions: Diathermy therapy, implanted cardiac systems or other active implantable devices, magnetic resonance imaging (MRI), computed tomography (CT), electrosurgery devices, ultrasonic scanning equipment, therapeutic radiation, explosive or flammable gases, theft detectors and metal screening devices, lead movement, operation of machinery and equipment, pediatric use, pregnancy, and case damage. Adverse Effects: Painful stimulation, loss of pain relief, surgical risks (e.g., paralysis). User's Guide must be reviewed for detailed disclosure.

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### WHY DO YOU HAVE KNEE PAIN?

The knee area contains multiple nerves. During knee surgery — even with the utmost care and best surgical technique — a nerve can be injured.

The nerve pain that may develop from this injury is often long lasting and may heavily impair your quality of life.



#### DRG THERAPY COULD HELP YOU

DRG therapy is a new, non-opioid therapy specifically designed to help manage chronic nerve pain due to causalgia following surgery. It works by sending mild electrical pulses to the nerves responsible for the painful sensations. This could **reduce or completely block the pain** from the affected nerve to the brain.

A long-term clinical study shows that DRG therapy provides:



CONFIRM IT WORKS
YOU CAN TRY DRG THERAPY TO
DETERMINE IF IT'S RIGHT FOR YOU.

# FOCUS ON YOUR LIFE, NOT YOUR PAIN

Research on DRG therapy shows that patients experience improvements on many quality of life measures — including physical activity, sleeping habits and overall mood.<sup>1</sup>

#### WHAT DOES DRG THERAPY MEAN FOR PATIENTS?

"FOR ME THERE IS NO
ALTERNATIVE EXCEPT THIS
PAIN THERAPY. IT REALLY
TRANSFORMED MY LIFE."

In 2006 I underwent a knee replacement. After the surgery I suffered from chronic pain in the whole knee area. In 2008 I had a second surgery but it didn't improve the pain. In 2016, my knee needed to be replaced, but the pain became intolerable. Fortunately, at this time a new therapy was available and my orthopedic surgeon and general physician told me to consider neuromodulation. They referred me to a pain clinic and I received a DRG neurostimulator.

Since this new therapy, my pain is completely gone. It feels like a new life. I am back in control of my everyday life. I can pursue my hobby of traveling together with my husband.

**Mrs. Dietzel** 68 years old